Pilferage at Bombay Port Trust

1871. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleaed to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports that the menace of pilferage at the Bombay Port Trust has assumed alarming proportions putting the business trade to huge losses and embarrassment; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government have initiated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) A news report on the subject has come to the notice of the Government Cases of thefts in Bombay Port Trust have however shown a declining trend in the last four years as a result of certain preventive and deterrent measures taken by the port.

(b) Some of the measures taken by Bombay Port Trust are:—

(i) Introduction of a system of surprise checks.

(ii) Fixation of accountability of individuals.

(iii) Setting up of an intelligence wing.

(iv) Use of metal detectors.

(v) Recognition of good work by rewarding the security personnel.

(vi) Good liaison amongst police, Customs and Security.

(vii) Intensification of patrolling by security and police.

It is hoped that these steps will bring down the menace of pilferage at the Bombay Port Trust. These measures are under constant review of the Bombay Port Trust and effective steps will be taken pursuant to this.

Settlement of Insurance claims in the case of old Vehicles

1872. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

What is the procedure in respect of settling Insurance claims in the case of vehicles of over 20 years old, in view of the scrapping of the road tax in their case?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTERY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): The vehicle, including the one which is not liable to pay further tax under one-time tax scheme, is required to have a valid insurance policy all the time as per provisions of Section 146 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The procedure with regard to compensation claims is detailed in Chapter XII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

National Integration Council

1873. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIS be pleaed to refer to the answer to Starred Question 32 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the composition of the National Integration Council; and

(b) whether Government propose to place the question of curbing communalisim before the Council for devising suitable me sures on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) A list of members of reconstituted

National Integration Council is attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII Annexure No. 78].

(b) Yes, Sir.

U.S. Company's Overseas Employment and Education Service in India

1874. SHRI P.N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Overseas Employment and Education Service', a registeed U.S. Company, is operating in India:

(b) if so, whether its functioning is in accordance with the laws of the land, governing such institutions;

(c) whether the U.S. nationals operating that Service in India have valid entry permits given by Government;

(d) whether any complaints have been received about violation of the laws of the country by that Service and the U.S. nationals operating it; and

(e) if so, the action being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Review of Nuclear Policy by India

1875. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to review its nuclear policy in view of war-like postures adopted by Pakistan recently and infiltration of Pakistan-trained militants into Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The security situation of India is constantly under review by the Government, particularly in the light of the developments in our neighbourhood. The Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Handcuffing of Undertrials

1876. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 12 year old boy was handcuffed by the U.P. Police recently as reported in the Times of India of the 19th Janury, 1990 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to ban handcuffing of undertrials except on serious cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. As per information furnished by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the boy Aslam was brought to Police Station Aliganj on 17-1-90 for some enquiries in connection with theft cases of petty nature where he was handcuffed by a constable. The constable who was responsible for handcuffing the 12-year boy, Aslam, has since been placed under suspension and further departmental action is being taken by the State Government in the matter.